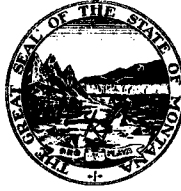


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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Highways and Transportation** recommend that **House Bill 428** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed: *Gerald Pease*
Senator Gerald Pease, Chair

To be carried by Senator John Brueggeman

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 9, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

— *KF*

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Highways and Transportation** recommend that **House Bill 737** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: *Gerald Pease*
Senator Gerald Pease, Chair

To be carried by Senator John Brueggeman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 30.
Strike: "classic"
2. Page 2, line 1.
Strike: "classic"
3. Page 2, line 13.
Strike: "classic"
4. Page 2, line 14.
Strike: "classic" in two places
5. Page 2, line 22.
Strike: "classic"
6. Page 17, line 26.
Strike: "classic"
7. Page 18, line 15.
Following: "number"
Insert: "other than a social security number"
8. Page 22, line 19.
Strike: "classic"

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 9, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

Kf

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Highways and Transportation** recommend that **House Bill 26** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: *Gerald Pease*
Senator Gerald Pease, Chair

To be carried by Senator Ken (Kim) Hansen

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1.

Following: line 21

Insert: "(c) the director of the department of revenue provided for in 2-15-1301;

(d) the chief business development officer of the office of economic development provided for in 2-15-218;"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 9, No 0

Fiscal Note Required *KH*

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SENATE PROXY FORM

According to Senate Rule 30-70 (13) (f) , a committee member may vote by proxy using a standard form.

PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator Pease

to vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate _____

Transportation Committee

held on 3-29-07, 2007.

HB-428 yes
HB-737 yes
HB-26 yes

Sam Kitzberger
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March 28, 2007

TO: SENATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
Chairman Gerald Pease
Room 405, March 29, 2007 at 3:00pm

RE: HB26 Revise Rail Service Competition Council

The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) represents over 200 professionals who work for local economic development organizations across the State of Montana. We are professional "lead" economic developers, business specialists, government employees, and staff members of affiliated non-profit organizations which promote and foster economic development activities in Montana.

MEDA stands in support of HB26 and recognizes the import work of this council as it strives to address and identify rail competition issues that are impacting our state.

With that said, we do strongly encourage changes to the bill:

- Restore the position of the Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Restore the position of the Director of Revenue
- Increase funding to \$200,000 per year.

The Governor's Office position and Director of Revenue are essential assets to this committee. The issues the council deals with are complicated and require the expertise of these two offices.

Thank you for your support of HB26 with these changes.

Sincerely,

Rick Edwards, President

Cc: MEDA Board of Directors

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